

2765

PATENT  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 046700-5004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Marc ALAIA et al. )

Application No.: 09/252,790 )

Group Art Unit: 2765

Filed: February 19, 1999 )

Examiner: J. Patel

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
CONDUCTING ELECTRONIC  
AUCTIONS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RECEIVED  
APR 25 2000  
TC 2700 MAIL ROOM

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a statement as specified in § 1.97(e).

Statement 1: Each document listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication dated January 27, 2000 from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the

Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Applicants also bring to the attention of the Examiner the following applications with a common assignee, and request consideration of the applications and any and all references therein.

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
<i>JD</i>	09/282,156	March 31, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/282,157	March 31, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/282,158	March 31, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/311,555	May 14, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/311,556	May 14, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/311,557	May 14, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/311,558	May 14, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/311,559	May 14, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/311,582	May 14, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/327,600	June 8, 1999
<i>JD</i>	09/490,867	January 24, 2000
<i>JD</i>	09/490,868	January 24, 2000
<i>JD</i>	09/490,877	January 24, 2000

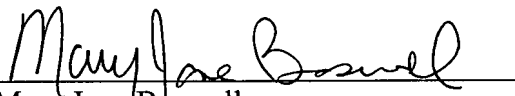
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

**MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP**

By:   
Mary Jane Boswell  
Reg. No. 33,652

Dated: April 21, 2000

**MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP**  
1800 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
202-467-7000